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SUBJECT: U.S. MEAT IMPORT QUOTAS FOR IRELAND

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1. THE JANUARY 7 IRISH PRESS HAS A FRONT PAGE STORY "AMERICANS MAY BAN IRISH BEEF - MAJOR BLOW TO EXPORTS." ALTHOUGH THE WRITER OF THE ARTICLE DID CHECK IN WITH THE PAO AND AGATT, WHO GAVE HIM THE FACTS AT ISSUE, AND ALSO CALLED THE IRISH AGATT IN WASHINGTON, HE HAS MANAGED TO CONVEY THE IMPRESSION THAT THE US IS INEXPLICABLY DAMAGING IRISH EXPORTS OF BEEF. HIS ARTICLE FAILS TO MENTION THAT PRICE AND MARKET CONDITIONS WOULD MAKE EXPORTS OF IRISH BEEF TO THE U.S. IN 1976 EXTREMELY UNLIKELY.

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2. WE HAVE NOT CONFIRMED THE DENIAL OF A QUOTA TO IRELAND, MERELY STATING THAT THE DECISION HAS NOT BEEN FINALIZED. IRISH AGATT CULLEN IN WASHINGTON IS APPARENTLY TAKING THE SAME LINE, AS QUOTED BY THE IRISH PRESS.

3. IRISH RADIO (RTE) IS CURRENTLY RUNNING A MORE BALANCED STORY, EMPHASIZING THE SMALL AMOUNT OF IRISH BEEF ACTUALLY GOING TO THE U.S. AND ALSO MENTIONING THAT THE DECISION ON QUOTAS HAS NOT BEEN FINALIZED. THE RTE STORY IS BASED MAINLY ON INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY AGATT STEPHANIDES.

4. IF, IN FACT, A DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN TO DENY EVEN A TOKEN QUOTA TO THE IRISH AS INDICATED BY REFTTEL, WE CAN EXPECT NEGATIVE POLITICAL FALLOUT HERE, WHICH COULD BE MINIMIZED IF WE GET OUT A THOROUGH AND COMPLETE STORY ABOUT THE REAL INSIGNIFICANCE OF IRISH BEEF EXPORTS TO THE U.S. REQUEST GUIDANCE SOONEST ON RELEASE OF FULL STORY.
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